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## STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST.

### WILSON'S TRIAL.

Spun Facts Unearthed at the Preliminary Hearing—Accused Goes to Jail at Richmond to Await Trial.

LONDON, Ky., Jan. 27.—The trial of E. K. Wilson, charged with causing the death of Miss Mary Cloyd, which began Tuesday, was resumed Wednesday morning. At 9 o'clock the commonwealth resumed its testimony. Sarah Wyatt, a domestic testified to having found the instrument and the medicine in Miss Cloyd's trunk, which the girl had stated in her dying statement Wilson had used in performing the operation.

Dr. C. C. Carter stated that some time during the last week of December Wilson came to him and explained Miss Cloyd's condition, and requested of the physician a prescription, but it was refused. Two weeks later Wilson went to the doctor's room, and mentioning certain instruments asked for the loan of them. Wilson said he wanted to use them on Miss Cloyd. Wilson then said that he was going to buy a catheter. Dr. Kunz, druggist of London, testified to Wilson's buying the catheter. This concluded the testimony for the commonwealth. Wilson goes to Richmond jail to await the February term of court here.

### NOT LEPROSY.

An Investigation Made of the Supposed Case at Carders—Pronounced Hereditary Cancer.

WILLIAMSTOWN, Ky., Jan. 28.—An investigation has just been made into an alleged case of Asiatic leprosy which was said to exist at Cordova, a village ten miles from here. While the investigating physician has reported that it is a case of hereditary cancer, and not leprosy, the people of the county are still terribly excited. County Judge Westover ordered an investigation to be made by Dr. C. D. O'Connell. He reported that the "suspected case in the family of Mrs. H. Martin. He found one child with its face so disfigured by an eruption that its features were scarcely distinguishable. Another member was disfigured by a large protuberance on the left side of the head. He pronounced these to be due to hereditary cancer, and not leprosy. The disease has first appeared in the form of spots on the skin, which developed into eruptions, and this caused the report of leprosy.

### FROZEN TO DEATH.

The Body of Mrs. Emma Berger, a Morphinist Found, Frozen in the Back Yard of Her Residence.

RUSSELLVILLE, Ky., Jan. 31.—Mrs. Emma Berger, a morphine fiend, was found dead in the back yard of her residence at 9 o'clock Sunday morning. She was not missed until morning and her people thought she was in her room all night. When found she was frozen stiff. It is supposed that she took an overdose of morphine, and when the stupor came over her she was unable to get from the house. She had sold nearly everything in her house and nearly all of her clothing in order to get money to buy morphine. With a complete wreck. Mrs. Berger was the wife of a prominent lawyer of Kansas, but they had not lived together for some years.

### ONE DEAD THE OTHER DYING.

Two Kentucky Farmers Fight a Duel With Knives—They Quarreled Over a Settlement of Tobacco Crop.

HALLSVILLE, Ky., Jan. 31.—Whittaker Maddis and Howard Harlan fought a terrible duel with barlow knives in McWilliams' blacksmith shop here Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock. The men quarreled over the settlement of a crop of tobacco, and at a meeting Monday morning agreed to settle it. They sprang at each other, and in a few minutes were bleeding and exhausted from stabs and cuts. But their fury was unabated. They waited a moment and then resumed the combat. The second one was to death. Harlan will die. Both were respected farmers, and lived on adjoining farms.

### Both May Die.

BRATTVILLE, Ky., Jan. 31.—A tragedy occurred here. The principal parties engaged were John Toier, Lecher Vanderpool, Rich Toier and Berry Danigan. About 15 shots were fired. Berry Danigan, who seems to have been the chief actor in the play, made his escape. Toier, it is thought, is mortally wounded, and Vanderpool will also probably die. A man named Combs was badly wounded.

### After Scott's Place.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 27.—State Auditor S. H. Stone will leave for Washington Thursday to make formal application to succeed Senator Scott as commissioner of internal revenue. If Stone succeeds in landing the place Gov. Bradley will have to name Stone's successor to serve until next January. It is probable that Congressman Walter Evans, of Louisville, will oppose Stone for the commissionership.

### Boys' Fatal Mistake.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 27.—Julien Brent, aged 11 years, accidentally shot himself through the temple Wednesday night. The boy was playing with a revolver which he did not know he loaded. Placing it to his temple he pulled the trigger and fired a corpse. The boy lived with his parents at 516 East Walnut street.

### Seven Girls' Man Convicted.

OWENSBORO, Ky., Jan. 28.—Ted Hall, of Morgantown, who has been on trial for two days in the United States court here, was Thursday found guilty of sending green goods through the mails. Everett Jolly, for misappropriating post office funds, was sentenced to two years in the Columbus (Ky.) penitentiary. Jolly is highly connected.

### A R. Operating Camp.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Jan. 28.—Hon. James H. Mulligan and Hon. M. C. Clifford, of the Lexington Encampment, returned from Washington Thursday. According to their report Lexington will likely be one of the places selected for reoperating camps of the army now in service in Cuba and Porto Rico.

### Poisoned by Blackberries.

LONDON, Ky., Jan. 31.—Stephen Moore, wife and four children are lying in a critical condition at their home near Pittsburgh, poisoned by eating blackberries. Mr. Moore is not expected to live, but the others are convalescent.

### Capt. Ellis Rejoins.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 28.—Capt. and First Assistant Surgeon Ellis Duncan, 1st regiment Kentucky volunteers, who served throughout the campaign in Porto Rico, has tendered his resignation from the army.

### Bankruptcy Cases.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 29.—The following voluntary petitions in bankruptcy were filed Friday: J. L. Eblin, Shelby county, liabilities \$8,770, assets \$2,000; W. E. Gilkerson, of Versailles, liabilities \$1,871, assets \$587.

### A Missing Broker.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Jan. 28.—J. W. O'Dell, the commission broker, is still absent from this city, and his customers are uneasy. One of them has attached the office fixtures of O'Dell's firm and others have gone to Cincinnati to look for the missing broker.

### Baby in a Trunk.

HENDERSON, Ky., Jan. 27.—At King's Mills J. R. Culver found a newborn white baby in a small trunk on his back porch. The child was sent to the county poorhouse for the present.

### Candidate for Railroad Comm.

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky., Jan. 28.—The Democratic committee of the First railroad district has called a convention to meet at Hopkinsville March 3 to nominate a candidate for railroad commissioner.

### Pastor's New Charge.

HENDERSON, Ky., Jan. 27.—Rev. J. J. Dalton, of Selma, Ala., has accepted the call to the pastorate of the Cumberland Presbyterian church here, and will deliver his first sermon next Sunday.

## FEBRUARY—1899.

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
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## CURRENT TOPICS.

The Italian can see one-tenth farther than the white man.

All the pope's private fortune is invested in British securities.

Spain sends agents to produce pearls when it is a year old.

An acre of land in the city of Lyons does as much work as 100 in France.

The Scandia will take a cargo of frozen meat from San Francisco to Manila.

A HUNDRED years ago there were only six cities in the United States. Now there are over 100.

Among the latest uses to which electricity has been applied is that of heating bakers' ovens.

A PHOTOGRAPHER'S paper trust, controlling the entire output of the country, has been formed.

ANTI-CIGARETTE bills have been introduced in the Texas, Arkansas and California legislatures.

The coal miners' strike at Pana, Ill., has been on for nearly nine months, and gives evidence of continuing indefinitely.

The strike of the shoeworkers at Nashville, Tenn., has resulted in the establishment of a co-operative plant in that city.

The Arkansas house has passed a bill prohibiting females and sons of members from holding clerical positions in the legislature.

By the aid of a recent invention for laying asphalt pavements one man can now do the amount of work formerly done by 15 men.

A NEW device for kneading dough has been introduced in a Chicago baking establishment which does the work of ten men and will knead 4,000 loaves of bread per hour.

The king of counterfeiters is dead. Russell B. Hoyt, the man who made the United States secret service more trouble than any other single criminal in the country, was killed at rest under the trees at Bethel, Ct.

A DELINQUENT child party at St. Louis, near Rochester, England, on reaching the shore found that the building was on fire. It waited around till the fire was put out and made the pastor perform the ceremony in the ruins.

The Atelavon, Topka and Santa Fe Railroad Co. will furnish economical reading rooms and free libraries for the free use of its employees in all large towns along its entire lines from Chicago and St. Louis to California.

The labor exchange organizations now have 300 branches and nearly 100,000 members in every part of the United States, representing nearly every trade and profession, and property owning into the hundreds of thousands.

MATS are spread under the houses of the better class in the Philippines, to exclude dampness, and are daily removed and dried in the sun. Nearly all the living and sleeping rooms are about six feet above the ground, with an open space underneath.

The latest application of nickel steel to the construction of racing yachts. A German firm is to supply the nickel steel plates for the construction of the Shamrock, the yacht which is being built to sail for the American cup. It is being designed by William Fife, of Fairlie, and the work upon it has begun already.

TO MEET American, German and English competition in the markets of the world, the manufacturers of Roubaix, France, have developed a new weaving machine surpassing, in some respects, the famous improved Northrup. A workman operates six machines, which turns out an average of 140 yards each per day of ten hours.

ACCORDING to statistics it appears that the people of the United States consume more coffee than any other article of food. The annual consumption is set down at 218,170 tons for the United States, 100,000 tons for Germany, 77,000 tons for France, and only 12,000 tons for Great Britain, where tea is more in vogue.

The biggest rats ever seen in Brussels have lately infested one of the fashionable streets there, the Rue Beukimous. Every house on the street has been made a rendezvous for the rodents, and in some cases the residents have fled from their dwellings, seeking abodes elsewhere. The rats seem to avoid the poisons and traps set to capture them.

ONE strange peculiarity about dynamite is that its force is always in the direction from which the greatest resistance is offered. When dynamite is exploded on the ground the explosive force is downward; when it is placed on the side of a wall, its greatest force is against the wall; when placed under an object, its force is chiefly in an upward direction.

IN Serbia there still survives a wonderful old institution known as the Zadruga. It is the living together of a whole tribe, numbering sometimes as many as 100 persons, all under the absolute authority of one chief. He keeps all the money, makes all purchases and decides the minutest details of family life.

SOLDIERS are despised in China. They belong chiefly to the coolie classes. The German officers engaged some time ago by the Chinese government found that their most important task was to overcome the soldiers' own feelings that they were a lower order of beings than their Chinese men.

MANUFACTURERS throughout Kentucky in many lines of business are in a panic over the prospects being made in their trade by convict labor. Chairs, brooms, shoes and other articles are now being made at Frankfort by convicts for whose labor 35 cents per day is paid.

The Kentucky Co., of Birmingham, Eng., has commenced making 10,000,000 cartridges for the United States government. They will be turned out at the rate of 1,000,000 weekly. An American inspector examines the work, and a special postal is used in their manufacture.

## FARMERS' PARTY

Hilltop Organizations Declare for the Holding of a National Convention.

The purpose is the formation and election of delegates to the farmers' organizations in Fulton, Warren and McDougal counties have declared for the holding of a national convention to form the national farmers' party. A committee was appointed with instructions to begin preparations at once for the event. As quickly as possible representatives will be appointed all through the United States. It is planned to hold the convention not later than the first week in March. Chicago being favored as the convention place.

Edison W. Bradbury, who has been engaged in the work of organization, read this declaration of principles, which was adopted without dissent:

"We hold that all men are created equal and are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights that it is to preserve these rights that governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, and that whenever a government becomes destructive of these ends it is the duty of the people to alter or to abolish it and to adopt such measures as will insure their rights."

"We hold that the rule of minority classes is contrary to the spirit of our institutions and destructive to our rights."

"We hold that the only free and just government is that in which the law-making bodies are composed of direct representatives from such industries or occupations as have a majority of the votes in the congressional and legislative districts defined by one constitution and the laws of our states."

"With an abiding faith in the truth and justice of our belief we appeal to every farmer in the United States to join hands with us in effecting our purpose, which is the nomination and election of farmers as members of congress and farmers as members of our legislature. Agriculture being the chief industry in the United States the animosity and importance of our interests demand prompt and energetic action. To that end we urge an expression of opinion from farmers of this country as to the necessity of holding a convention at the earliest and most convenient time and place to discuss our condition and to adopt such measures and take such action as may seem necessary."

A brief discussion ensued over the proposition that the representation in the proposed national convention should be one delegate for each district sending a representative to the lower house of the legislature in the respective states.

A number of offers from farmers and labor organizations in various states, addressed to A. W. Hagan, the original mover in the new organization, were read.

**CLEMENCY IS RECOMMENDED.**

Gen. Egan Gave of Conduct Unbecoming a Gentleman and Conduct Unbecoming a Soldier—Dismissed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—Gen. Egan, commissary general of subsistence, has been found guilty of the charges of conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman, and of conduct to the prejudice of good order and discipline and of the special provisions of the law, and has been sentenced to dismissal from the United States army, but with a recommendation from the court for the exercise of executive clemency. Under the regulations the court having reached the conclusion that the accused was guilty had no choice in selecting a penalty, the regulations prescribing absolutely the one punishment—dismissal—for the offense.

Therefore, the only hope for Gen. Egan is in the direction of commutation, mitigation or disapproval.

Col. Davis, the judge advocate of the court martial, finished his review of the record of the court's proceedings Saturday afternoon and at once placed the papers in the hands of Secretary Alger.

This action settled at once any doubt that may have existed as to the routine to be pursued in the treatment of the case. As for Secretary Alger, as soon as he reads the record he will place it at once with the president, who, under the law, is the final deciding authority. It is his privilege to add to or take from the strength of the court's recommendation that clemency be shown. The indications are that papers will be in the president's hands early next week.

Mail Routes and Posts to Alaska.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 30.—Private advices received here state that the government will send three detachments of soldiers into the Copper River district of Alaska next spring to lay out a mail route to the Yukon river and establish posts.

Four Men Badly Burned.

CHICAGO, Jan. 30.—Four men were badly burned, one perhaps fatally, by a gas explosion in a building near the base of the Chicago Tribune building.

Church Destroyed by Fire.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 31.—The First Baptist church of this city was destroyed by fire Sunday. It was the oldest church of that faith in this vicinity. The pastor, Rev. J. Frank Matthews, several hours before the flames were discovered, preached on the great Chicago fire.

An Ice Tree Forming.

CHICAGO, Jan. 30.—An ice tree, to include all of the big ice harvesters in the United States, is according to the Chronicle, in process of formation.

## FUNERAL OF A. H. GARLAND.

Thousands Took a Last Look at the Remains as They Lay in State in Little Rock, Ark.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Jan. 31.—The remains of Hon. Augustus Hill Garland, whose tragic death occurred in the supreme court chamber at Washington last Thursday, reached Little Rock at 7:30 o'clock Monday morning, escorted by a legislative committee, who met the funeral train at the state's border. The remains were met at the Union station by the committee, representing the legislature, the supreme court, the bar and other organizations and large numbers of prominent citizens and escorted to the senate chamber where they are to lie in state until 2 o'clock, when elaborate ceremonies will be held. Thousands of people thronged the capital Monday morning to get a last glimpse of the familiar face of the great statesman. The state house yard was crowded by 9 o'clock, when the senate chamber was thrown open to the public, and all morning a continuous stream of people have passed slowly by the bier, silently and sorrowfully gazing for the last time upon the features of the distinguished dead.

Among those who paid their last humble tribute to Mr. Garland were several white headed and feeble old men from Hocking Hill, the Garland country home. These faithful Negroes have been in the Garland household since slavery days and their devotion to their old master was pathetic in the extreme.

The funeral ceremonies were conducted in the hall of the house of representatives at 2 o'clock, the senate chamber having been found entirely inadequate to accommodate the great throng of people. The services were conducted by Rev. W. E. Thompson, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church, assisted by Chaplain Dye, of the senate, and Chaplain Collett, of the house of representatives.

Fitting eulogies were delivered by distinguished friends of the illustrious dead. The funeral cortege was followed to Mount Hill cemetery by an immense procession, where the interment occurred at 5 o'clock. The floral offerings were numerous and beautiful, many fine pieces having been sent by Washington friends.

## THE SALVATION OF FRANCE.

The Chamber Adopted the Government's Revision of the Proposed Peace Terms.

PARIS, Jan. 31.—The chamber of deputies Monday, by a vote of 346 to 159, adopted the government's proposal to submit to a special committee of the chambers the bill providing that cases of trial revisions shall be brought before the court of cassation, the court of cassation, the report of M. Mazari, first president of the court of cassation, on the charges of M. Quesnay de Beaupreire, the former president of the civil section of that body, will be read before the committee. The minister of justice, M. Leher, introduced the bill and asked that it be sent to the committee. It was read and adopted without dissent. The preamble of the measure, declaring that the bill was one of necessity for the peace and to restore calm in the country, was greeted with applause from the center and murmurs from the extreme left.

M. Georges Berry, representing the first division of the Seine, said the chamber was not aware of the government introduced the bill and asked for the official publication of the evidence in the case of M. Bard, who reported on the Dreyfus case to the court of cassation. (Cheers.)

The premier, M. Dupuy, said he did not wish the chamber to vote in the dark. He said he would like full light be thrown on the subject and, therefore, the government would submit to the committee the complete documents in the case.

**FATAL WEST VIRGINIA FEUD.**

A Fierce Fight in Which One Was Killed and Four Were Wounded—A House Attacked by Masked Men.

HAMLEN, W. Va., Jan. 31.—A terrible battle occurred Monday morning on the mountains on Guyandotte river, Jim Skeen's home was attacked by four masked men, armed with Winchester rifles. A battle ensued. Black Skeen was shot through the heart. Jim Skeen was mortally wounded. Ambrose Sprinkle was wounded in the arm and Jim Skeen's wife and baby were shot, but not fatally. The fight occurred about midnight Monday morning, 12 miles from this place. The country is aroused. Armed men are seen everywhere at night. It is an old mountain feud, and further trouble is expected. Much mystery is attached to the affair, but arrests will follow, and a preliminary trial will occur here Tuesday.

Eight Cavalry on the Move.

HUNTSVILLE, Ala., Jan. 31.—The 8th cavalry, which has had orders to proceed to Cuba for some time, left Monday night for Savannah. The regiment moved in five trains, the last getting away about 9:30 Monday night.

Counterfeiter Confess.

RUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 31.—Charles Blanchard, who, with John Blanchard, is under arrest at Olean, has confessed that he and his father are members of a gang of counterfeiters who have been operating in this state.

Quicker Run to Sagawah.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 31.—Capt. Hunter has just finished a trip with his steamer, the City of Seattle, to Skagway and back in 6 days, 17 hours and 40 minutes. The news from the Koyuk region is that it is full of prospects.

Cortage Company Starts.

AKRON, O., Jan. 31.—The Akron Twine and Cordage Co. resumed operations Monday after a shut-down of five years. Employment will be given to 300 men.

## RIGHT OF WAY.

Peace Treaty Will Be Delayed in the Senate This Week and Disposed Of.

In the House a Vote Will Be Taken on the Army Bill Tuesday Afternoon—The River and Harbor and Military Academy Bills.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—The senate will devote practically all of the time this week to the consideration of the peace treaty. Senator Allison, chairman of the committee on appropriations, says he will not interfere at any time with the consideration of the treaty by asking to have appropriations bills taken up, and as a consequence the treaty will have complete right of way.

This week will see the close of the memorable debate, both in executive session and in open senate, as the vote is set for 3 o'clock a week from Monday. Notice has been given for speeches for every day except Monday of the present week. Senator Berry will open the debate Tuesday, and will be followed by Senator Spooner Wednesday. Senator Rawlins Thursday. Senator Monday Friday and Senator Chilton Saturday. These speeches will be based upon the various resolutions on the general question of expansion and will be delivered in open session. They will however be practically devoted to the peace treaty, which will be taken up Tuesday afternoon. Senator Spooner Wednesday. Senator Rawlins Thursday. Senator Monday Friday and Senator Chilton Saturday. These speeches will be based upon the various resolutions on the general question of expansion and will be delivered in open session. They will however be practically devoted to the peace treaty, which will be taken up Tuesday afternoon. 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